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### **DOCKET NO. 52876**

NON-STANDARD TRUE-UP FILING OF	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
AEP TEXAS INC. IN ACCORDANCE	§	
WITH THE FINANCING ORDER IN	§	OF TEXAS
<b>DOCKET NO. 39931</b>	§	

### **COMMISSION STAFF'S FINAL RECOMMENDATION**

On November 22, 2021, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP) filed a non-standard true-up filing as the servicer of transition bonds issued under the Financing Order in Docket No. 39931 (Petition). The non-standard true-up affects amounts billed for energy consumption and demand of retail customers taking service from AEP. AEP requests that Rider 6.1.1.2.2.1 Initial/Adjusted Transition Charge-3 Rates (Rider TC-3) be approved.

On January 14, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 3, directing the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff) to file a final recommendation on AEP's application.

#### I. FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed AEP's non-standard true-up filing as the servicer of transition bonds issued under the Financing Order in Docket No. 39931 and as detailed in the attached memorandum from Ethan Blanchard, Rate Regulation Division, recommends that the tariff set out in Rider TC-3 be approved effective for bills rendered beginning on March 1, 2022. Staff will work with AEP to file a revised joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order as outlined in the established procedural schedule in this matter.

### II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests that AEP's tariff set out in Rider TC-3 be approved effective for bills rendered beginning on March 1, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of AEP Texas Central Company for a Financing Order, Docket No. 39931, Financing Order (Jan. 12, 2021).

Dated: February 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on February 2, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kevin R. Bartz Kevin R. Bartz

## Public Utility Commission of Texas

### Memorandum

**TO**: Kevin Bartz

Legal Division

**FROM**: Ethan Blanchard

Rate Regulation Division

**DATE:** February 2, 2022

RE: Docket No. 52876 - Non-Standard True-Up Filing of AEP Texas, Inc. in

Accordance with the Financing Order in Docket No. 39931

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On November 11, 2021, AEP Texas, Inc (AEP) filed a Non-Standard True-Up as the servicer of Transition Bonds issued pursuant to the financing order in Docket No. 39931.

In its application, AEP estimates the billing units for the billing period of March 2022 through February 2023 for the Commercial and Small Industrial – Energy ("Commercial Energy") class are forecasted to decrease by more than 10% compared to the billing units established for the annual period ending March 31, 2011.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, AEP has calculated revised rates for *Rider 6.1.1.2.2.1 Initial/Adjusted Transition Charges-3 Rates – Rider TC-3* ("*Rider TC-3*").

I have reviewed AEP's filing and determined that the proposed adjusted Rider TC-3 rates were correctly calculated according to the provisions of the Financing Order in Docket No. 39931<sup>2</sup> and that the forecasted billing units for the Commercial Energy class decreased to less than the 90% Non-Standard True-Up Threshold of 2,001,190,230 kWh.<sup>3</sup>

I therefore recommend that the tariff set out in Rider TC-3 be approved effective for bills rendered beginning on March 1, 2022. I further recommend that AEP be required to file a "clean" copy of its tariff to be stamped "Approved" by the Commission's Central Records Division and retained for future reference.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of AEP Texas Central Company for Financing Order, Docket No. 39931, Financing Order, Appendix D (Jan. 12, 2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.*, Appendix B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.*, Appendix D.